

**Wilshire Center Koreatown Neighborhood Council
 General Board Meeting Minutes
 Monday, May 13, 2024
 5:30 PM
 Pio Pico Library
 694 S. Oxford Ave
 Los Angeles, CA 90005**

1. **Call to order** at 5:35 15 quorum met 17 in attendance.

2. **Roll Call**

Board Member	Present	Absent	Excused
Audrey Han		X	
Becky Bae		X	
Bill Robinson	X		
Chris Kyungho Hwang	X		
Erica Jung	X		
Hoyle Kang	X		
Jennifer Chung	X		
Ko Eun Hwang Ssara	X		
Lillian Han	X		
Nathan Kim	X		
Nojan Haddadi	X		
Saidur Rahman	X		
Samuel Suh			X
Sandra Choi	X		
Shazia Hoq	X		
Hu Ki Rye			X
Shin Suk Oh	X		
Joseph Lee	X		
Kevin Kim	X		
JT Kim	X		
Ali Esmaili	X		

Because Mark Lee resigned effective April 30, 2024, item #14 was addressed as the first item.

14. Discussion and possible action to appoint a President to the WCKNC board. Shazia commented on the importance of this election. Bill Robinson was nominated and accepted the nomination. He addressed issues important to him; public safety and beautification, low-income housing shortages, trash pickup and quality of life for all Koreatown stakeholders.

James An, KAFLA Representative made a public comment.

Motion to appoint Bill Robinson as WCKNC President:

First: Saidur Rahman - Second: Erica Jung. Motion passed to appoint Bill Robinson as Council President.

The Council voted unanimous to elect Bill Robinson.

2. **Community/Government Reports & Announcements**

A. LAPD Senior Lead Officers Officer Harry Cho: updated the board on the increase of distraction thefts and robberies. Distracting tactics miss direct the victim from what is actually happening; . the elderly and women are main targets. Sr. Lead Ofc. Raphael Espenoza is on loan. Sr. Lead Ofc. Lucy Bermudez informed the board regarding the Hands across Koreatown event on May 18, 2024 at 10:30am.

B. City and other Governmental Agencies

District-10 Representative, Jungmin Lee informed the board about the Asian American, Pacific Islander Community Service Day from 9am-noon on May 18, 2024. Participants will be picking up trash starting at 981 Western Ave.

C. Empower LA Representative, John Darnell informed the board regarding **City-wide homeless liaison** virtual meeting on Wednesday, May 29, 2024 at 6pm. **Budget 101** on Thursday, May 30, 2024 at 6pm. **Budget Day** on Saturday, June 15, 2024 starting at 7:30am at City Hall. An all-day event with workshops throughout the city. He encouraged the Council to send a representative because it will be a highly informative event.

D. Fire Dept. Representative, Brian Franko informed the board regarding a fund-raising event for Muscular Dystrophy on May 29,30,31, 2024.

4. General Public comments – Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the board’s subjects matter jurisdiction. Public comments are limited to two minutes per speaker. (2 min)

Christian Henley- Updated board on Grace Yoo, City Council candidate.

Lara Zapata CCNP Representative, updated on board on the resources and services the Family Source Center offers.

James An-KAFLA President informed the board regarding free women’s health screening on May 24, 2024

5. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meetings for March 2024 (April meeting cancelled). Nathin Kim excused from March meeting but marked as absent. **First: Nojan Haddadi Second: Shazia Hoq Minutes unanimously approved.**

6. Discussion and possible action to approve of the Monthly Expenditure Reports (MER) for March & April 2024. Motion to approve MER for March &April 2024. **First: Joseph Lee Second: Shazia Hog Motion passed unanimously.**

7. Committee Reports

Bill Robinson commented that board committees are currently in a transitional phase. The committees will be combined in order to be more effective.

John Darnell suggested zooming committee meetings.

Public comment: James An.

John Darnell informed the board that WCKNC funds (25K) must be spent by June 30 2024. Only 10K of the 25K will roll over. Bill Robinson called for a special board meeting in order to disperse the funds to NPG applicants. According to Darnell, the grant funds must be spent during the current fiscal year.

- a. Executive
- b. Rules & Bylaws
- c. Outreach, Communications & Elections
- d. Planning and Land Use Management
- e. Sustainability & Beautification
- f. Public Safety & Transportation

7. Continued from the February General Board meeting, discussion and possible action to recommend to the board the approval of a full line of alcoholic beverages in the full-service restaurant having fifteen karaoke rooms at **3300 W. 8th street.** (ZA-2023-4481-CUB).

Nathan Freeman, FMG Management stated that as a result of the community petition against the sale of alcohol at the address referenced above; the hour of operation would be 11:00am to Midnight Sunday -Wednesday and 11:00am-2:00am Thursday - Saturday.

Nojan Haddadi commented that there is a lot of crime in that area and there is more crime activity when a business is vacant, for the reason the PLUM committee recommended approval of the petition to serve alcohol.

Nathan Kim commented that the board should hear from the petitioners against the bar in order to know if they are satisfied with the change in the hours of operation.

Motion to postpone recommendation to the next monthly meeting in order to review the input from the community petition representative Patty Whong.

First: Chris Kyungho Hwang Second: Jennifer Chung Motion passed unanimously.

8. Continued from the February General Board meeting, discussion and possible action to support or oppose allowing the continued sale of full line of alcohol for on-site consumption at **429 N. Western Ave. #6,** #(ZA-2023-7215-CUB) renewal of entitlement ZA-2017-2730-CUB, proposed 2,545 sq. ft. restaurant/karaoke

studio with 9 studio rooms and 75 indoor seats. Proposed hours of operation 11:00 am -2:00 am daily in the C2-1 zone. Motion to postpone.

First: Erica Jung Second: Nojan Haddadi Motion to postpone passed unanimously

9. Discussion and possible action to support or oppose the sale of a full line of alcohol for on-site consumption at **641 N. Western Avenue Unit A, Case Number ZA-2024-1474-CUB** in conjunction with a 2,385 sq. ft. restaurant featuring 34 interior seats with hours of operation from 10 am to 2 am daily. Applicant has long culinary history in Koreatown; fine dining is the focus. **Nojan Haddadi (PLUM) reported** that the committee approved the petition and that it would be a good addition to the neighborhood. Motion to recommend approval of petition

.First: Sandra Choi Second: Chris Kyungho Hwang Motion passed unanimously.

Items #10 and #11 Postponed to next monthly General Board meeting

10. Discussion and possible action to support or oppose allowing the sale of beer and wine for on-site consumption at **928 S. Western Avenue Unit #237**, Case Number ZA-2024-698-CUB in conjunction with a proposed 5,064 sq. ft. restaurant with 185 seats, including a 546-sf. ft. outdoor patio with 28 seats, in the C2-1 zone. Proposed hours of operation are from 11 am to 2 am, daily. Postponed to next month.

11. Discussion and possible action to support or oppose allowing the sale of beer and wine for on-site consumption at **928 S. Western Avenue Unit #132**, Case Number ZA-2024-1207-MCUP in conjunction with up to six restaurants in an existing food court with twelve restaurants. The food court also includes a performance stage and DJ entertainment. Proposed hours for all establishments do not exceed 10 am to 2 am daily. The food court will have a total square footage of 14,979 sf. ft. and will have 410 seats shared amongst the restaurants.

12. Discussion and possible action to support or oppose allowing the sale of beer and wine for on-site consumption at **3345-51 Wilshire Blvd #150**, Los Angeles, CA 90010 in conjunction with a 1,727.2 SF bar w/43 seats from 11:00am-1:00am daily. Brian Lee owner- **Rep. Mathew Mellow; Joseph Lee asked** about available parking. M. Mellow responded that this would be a neighborhood walk-in restaurant with no parking. **Nojan Haddadi commented** that he performed due diligence and found that the establishment brings a good crowd and the PLUM committee gave its support.

First: Kevin Kim Second: Erica Jung Motion to recommend petition passes unanimously.

13. Discussion and possible action to approve a Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG) up to \$5,000 to the 51st Los Angeles Korean Festival Foundation; festival taking place on 9/26/24 to 9/29/24. This festival serves as a celebration of Korean

culture and a catalyst for community engagement. Postpone until July; new fiscal year. **Yonna Hong LAKFF Rep. commented** on the value of the event.

At this point the discussion turned to the surplus of unspent funds which amounted to \$25,000. It was decided that the General Board would convene at a “Special” meeting on Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at 4:30 to allocate funds for Council expenses and NPG’s with the stipulation that the grant money would be spent on or before June 30, 2024.

14. Committee member comments/announcements

John Darnell commented that the Special meeting would need a minimum 13 members to make a quorum. He also commented on Congress of Neighborhood Councils event in June, an all-day event regarding all pertinent issues open house City Hall.

15. Adjourn Motion to adjourn at 7:15

First: Nojan Haddadi Second: Sandra Choi

**Special General Board Meeting Minutes
May 22, 2024
Pico Pio Library
5:30pm
Roll Call & Voting Tally**

Bill Robinson, President proposed that all the items be bundled in one vote because several board members were on a tight schedule.

Agenda Items # 3,4,5,6,7,8,9

YES 10 NO 0 ABSTAIN 4
 Item #3 - \$3000 Items #4,5,7,8 - \$4500 Item #6 - \$2000 #9 Not Considered.

Board Member	Yes	No	Absent	Excused	Abstain	Recuse
Audrey Han	X					
Becky Bae				X		
Bill Robinson	X					
Chris Kyungho Hwang	X					
Erica Jung	X					
Hoyle Kang				X		
Jennifer Chung				X		

Ko Eun Hwang Ssara	X					
Lillian Han	X					
Nathan Kim	X					
Nojan Haddadi	X					
Saidur Rahman	X					
Samuel Suh				X		
Sandra Choi				X		
Shazia Hoq	X					
Hu Ki Rye				X		
Shin Suk Oh				X		
Joseph Lee						X
Kevin Kim						X
JT Kim						X
Ali Esmaili						X

3. \$3,000 from the WCKNC budget from Community Improvement Projects (CIP) to Neighborhood Improvement Projects (NPG).
4. \$5000 to the 51st Los Angeles Korean Festival Foundation (received \$4500)
5. \$5000 for an event to be held on June 29th, 2024; The Bangladeshi American Society (BAS) (received \$4500)
6. \$2200 to the POCO Foundation (Power of Choosing Out). (received \$2000)
7. \$5000 to KYCC (Koreatown Youth and Community Center). (received \$4500)
8. \$5000 to KAFLA (received \$4500)
9. \$5000 to the K. W. Lee Center for Leadership (received \$0)